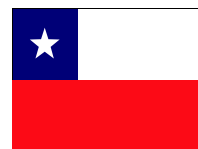


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March 19, 2003

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Houston Export Assistance Center

15600 JFK Blvd., Ste. 530, Houston, TX 77032

Are you interested in the Chilean market and want to be ahead of others before the free trade agreement is fully implemented? If so, then don't miss out on this great opportunity to discover what Chile has to offer you! **Provide your questions in advance of the videoconference, and we will provide customized responses and also provide industry experts in Chile to address your concerns.**

The U.S. Department of Commerce has coordinated a videoconference with its colleagues at the Commercial Service, Santiago, Chile. The videoconference will include a presentation from the Senior Commercial Officer followed by a question-and-answer session with the commercial trade specialists located in Santiago, Chile. Local Export Assistance Center trade specialists will answer additional questions following the videoconference.

Why export to Chile?

- Texas companies exported 340.1 million dollars worth of goods to Chile in 2000
- Chile is Texas 23rd largest export market (1999)
- Chile is a dynamic market with strategic regional commercial importance.
- Chile maintains strong economic, political, and social stability.
- Chile has solid fundamentals that include low corruption, a fair judicial system, and skilled labor force.
- Chile is currently negotiating a Free Trade Agreement with the U.S. A bilateral FTA between the U.S. and Chile will reinforce putting U.S. exporters on equal footing with exporters from the many countries that have FTAs with Chile -- including U.S. NAFTA partners Canada and Mexico. U.S. exporters would enjoy zero percent import tariffs on most products (U.S. exporters face a 6 percent import tariff in 2003).
- Chile has been the best-managed economy in Latin America, and the fourth fastest growing in the world over the last decade.
- Chile is a secure platform from which businesses can expand in Latin America.
- Chile's modern infrastructure, private telecommunications network, Internet penetration and high level of economic freedom provide for efficient, low-cost distribution channels and communications with the U.S. and Latin America.

The videoconference will be held at the Houston Export Assistance Center at 15600 JFK Blvd., Ste. 530. The videoconference costs \$15.00 and space is limited; so sign up as soon as possible. Please complete the attached registration form and return to Alan Richel, Senior International Trade Specialist, at fax: 281-449-9437 or send e-mail to arichel@mail.doc.gov.

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To assure that your questions will be heard and answered, please attach them to this registration. Our commercial specialists in CS Santiago will provide answers to your questions during the videoconference.